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YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
March 1, 1995  
Mountain Village Community Center  
Mountain Village, Alaska

VOLUME I

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harry O. Wilde, Sr., Chairman  
David O. David, Vice Chairman  
Paul Manumik, Sr., Secretary  
Paul John, Member  
Antone Anvil, Member  
Steven White, Member  
Zechariah C. Chaliak, Sr., Member  
John Andrew, Coordinator  
Alex Nick, Interpreter

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) I think at this time that  
4 we could start our meeting. You guys could follow us up even  
5 though we're speaking Yup'ik items that we're going to talk  
6 about anyway. You could look at your -- you could look at your  
7 agenda there.

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9 So at this time I'm going to call the meeting to order.  
10 The meeting to order. I'm going to ask Paul John to start us  
11 with invocation, if you would all stand.

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13 MR. JOHN: (Invocation) (In Yup'ik)

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Amen. Koyana.

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17 UNIDENTIFIED: Mr. Chairman, I talked to Felix, and he  
18 said that he won't be able to translate.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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22 UNIDENTIFIED: And he said .....

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) If Secretary could roll  
25 all. (In Yup'ik) quorum (In Yup'ik). Paul Manumik.

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27 MR. MANUMIK: Roll call? Okay. Harry Wilde, Senior?

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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31 MR. MANUMIK: David O. David?

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33 MR. DAVID: Here.

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35 MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik is here. Moses Nikolai?  
36 Paul John?

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38 MR. JOHN: Here.

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40 MR. MANUMIK: Antone Andrew?

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42 MR. ANVIL: Here.

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44 MR. MANUMIK: Steven White?

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46 MR. WHITE: Here.

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48 MR. MANUMIK: Zechariah Chuck Chaliak, Senior?

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1 MR. CHALIAK: Here.  
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3 MR. MANUMIK: Gene Peltola?  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Absent.  
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7 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-huh. John Andrew?  
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9 MR. ANDREW: Here.  
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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Quorum present. Quorum  
12 present.  
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14 MR. NICK: Okay.  
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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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18 MR. NICK: Mr. Harry Wilde, Chairperson of Subsistence  
19 Regional Council would like to have all the guests translate --  
20 rather, excuse me, introduce themselves and the agency they  
21 represent, beginning from the interpreter. My name is Alex  
22 Nick. I'm from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Russian Mission.  
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24 MS. DOWNING: Meredith Downing, R & R Court Reporters  
25 Anchorage.  
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27 MS. MASON: Rachel Mason, Fish & Wildlife Service,  
28 Subsistence, in Anchorage.  
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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul, (In Yup'ik)  
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32 MR. MANUMIK: Oh. Paul Manumik from Sheldon's Point.  
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34 MR. ANDREW: John Andrew, Regional Coordinator, (In  
35 Yup'ik). Koyana.  
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37 MR. WHITE: Steven White from Eek.  
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39 MR. CHALIAK: Chuck Chaliak from Nunapitchuk.  
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41 MR. DAVID: David O. David from Kwigillingok.  
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43 MR. JOHN: Paul John, Toksook Bay.  
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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Harry Wilde, Mountain Village.  
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47 MR. ANVIL: Antone Anvil, Bethel.  
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49 MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher, Fish & Wildlife Service,  
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Anchorage.

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3 MR. COFFING: Mike Coffing. I work for Fish & Wildlife  
4 Subsistence in Bethel.

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6 MS. FOGARTY: I'm Mary Fogarty. I work for Fish &  
7 Game, Subsistence, in Bethel.

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9 MR. ROCZICKA: Greg Roczicka. I work for AVCP Natural  
10 Resources in Bethel.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Over here?

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14 MR. STROM: Oh, Dennis Strom. I work for the Fish &  
15 Wildlife Service in Bethel.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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19 MR. NICK: He's reviewing the agenda. They're  
20 reviewing the agenda. He's explaining the agenda.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Wilde was explaining to the  
23 members of the Council that #37 proposal and #38 proposal will  
24 affect the residents of the Unit 18. And he reminded that the  
25 Council considers seriously that the -- with Proposal #37 and  
26 Proposal #38 be considered by the Council so that people will  
27 have -- people who will present this will explain fully the  
28 purpose of the proposal is.

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30 Mr. Wilde also explained to the members that some of  
31 the proposals affect Unit 21(E) around Holy Cross area for  
32 winter moose season. He said that they didn't want to harvest  
33 any moose in that respective unit that does not have any  
34 antlers, even though when the antlers are shedding, that would  
35 cause some problems in harvesting females. He said that the  
36 current proposal says that people who go hunting in 21(E) would  
37 have to harvest moose from one-half mile off the Yukon River.

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39 He also says that there will be another proposals which  
40 will need to be considered by -- presented by the Fish & Game  
41 and Fish & Wildlife agencies.

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43 Mr. Wilde also explained to the Council that  
44 representatives from Fish & Game and Fish & Wildlife agencies  
45 will explain to Regional Council what the Council's commitments  
46 are representing the region.

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48 Mr. Wilde says that he will allow people who present to  
49 explain what the purposes of the proposals are.

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2 Mr. Wilde is still reviewing the Council agenda.  
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4 Mr. Wilde says at the closing of the meeting one of the  
5 elders will come in and give a benediction, and somebody will  
6 adjourn -- will introduce a motion to adjourn.  
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8 Mr. Wilde asked for adoption of the agenda by  
9 introducing a motion.  
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11 MR. ANVIL: I so move to accept this agenda.  
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13 MR. NICK: Mr. Antone Anvil moved to adopt the agenda.  
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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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17 MR. WHITE: Second.  
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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. White seconded.  
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21 MR. NICK: Mr. White seconded the motion.  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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25 MR. DAVID: Question.  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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29 MR. NICK: The question's been called for.  
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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33 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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37 (No opposing responses)  
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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Agenda adopted without revisions.  
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41 He's asking if the mayor or vice mayor is here. (In  
42 Yup'ik)  
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44 MR. ALEXI: On behalf of Mountain Village, I'm the  
45 vice .....

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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49 MR. ALEXI: On behalf of Mountain Village -- Yes, I am.  
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1 Steve Alexi from Mountain Village. Matthew Alexi is my real  
 2 name. I'm the vice mayor of Mountain Village.

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4 I'd like to welcome all of you here, those of you that  
 5 are representing your village and the officials from the State  
 6 Department of Fish & Wildlife. Please excuse us for the  
 7 inconvenience of our Council here. We have a mayor right now  
 8 that's having problems -- difficulties, and we are temporarily  
 9 out of city manager, and our acting city manager is on  
 10 maternity leave, so we're having slight problems, so please  
 11 accept our apologies for that.

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13 And I'd like to welcome all of you here. I am working  
 14 for the school right now, which kind of leaves me out. I'll be  
 15 in and out here on and off. So I'd like to welcome all of you  
 16 here, and I hope you guys have a good meeting. Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Koyana.

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20 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) (Translating what Mr. Alexi  
 21 said.)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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29 MR. NICK: He said I need to translate from English  
 30 into Yup'ik, so do I need to wear this?

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32 COURT REPORTER: English into Yup'ik, no, but I need  
 33 the Yup'ik into English.

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35 MR. NICK: Okay.

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37 (Off record discussion regarding telephone message)

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) We're on agenda 5-A and  
 40 10 minutes of the October and January meetings. Mr. Wilde  
 41 would like to have .....

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43 MR. ANDREW: Mr. John Andrew says that the meeting for  
 44 October 4 and 5 was held in Bethel, and at the time the  
 45 highlights of the meetings are to follow.

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47 During that time the Council charter changed to one --  
 48 the Council is supposed to meet twice a year at the time. The  
 49 charter was -- the Council meeting was -- the Council decided

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that they should have two meetings in a year, but if there's any necessary items to be discussed, they should have more than one meeting -- I mean, more than two meetings.

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5 If there are any problems, any Council members will be excused from meetings. They will be given excuses for any problems, family problems or emergency cases.

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9 During that time moose moratorium for Lower Yukon was discussed at that meeting, and other than that Holitna, 40 horsepower restriction for use of moose (sic) was also discussed at the time. Above Kalskag moose -- during moose hunting season a permit cost of \$400.00 was also discussed at the meeting. And also the Lower Yukon and Lower Kuskokwim -- a proposal was also presented that Lower Yukon and Lower Kuskokwim also be included during the subsistence moose hunting winter season in 21(E). Unit 21(E).

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19 And they adjourned for the meeting at 4:15 that first day.

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22 The following day they discussed the big game issues and also for issues Katie John. There was a proposal that states that customary and traditional hunting activities will be within the navigable waters. During that time the first proposal was rejected. Number two was -- number two was adopted by the Council. Proposal #45, eight were in favor of proposal #45, and one was absent. There was a motion made, but it was withdrawn at the time.

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31 MR. NICK: I'm interpreting what he says. I'm interpreting what he says. He's explaining the highlights.

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34 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) Mr. Andrew says that the agenda has -- agenda was from Paul Manumik's notes. For two proposal, 54 and 58, -- (Reading minutes of October 4, 1994)

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38 "Regional Coordinator, John W. Andrew, updated the Council on the reporting requirements of this Council in Yup'ik."

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42 Referred to there was a discussion on Lower Yukon moose Management Plan.

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45 Refer to afternoon meeting. "The Federal Council Charter was presented in Yup'ik by the Coordinator, John W. Andrew," in the minutes of the meeting. Refer to motion made by Gene Peltola for the Council to adopt the Charter as presented and amended.

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2 Refer to Mr. Antone Anvil gave a report on the  
activities of the Designated Hunters Task Force.

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5 Referred to next in the agenda was caribou north of the  
Yukon.

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8 Refers to Subpart D process update was postponed by the  
Chairperson for the next day.

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11 Refer to Diana Powell of the Togiak National Wildlife  
Refuge updated the Council on the Goodnews Management Plan.

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14 Refer to October 5, 1994, KVNA Building meeting.

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16 Refer to minutes where it says "Mr. Billy McCann  
brought the issue of bull caribous suffering from too-small,  
too-tightly fitted collars."

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20 Mr. John Andrew explaining to the Council that during  
that meeting the discussion was that south of Kuskokwim season  
should be from September 1 to 30, but because there were some  
disagreements, there was -- the discussion was that moose  
northern (ph) area should be open from September -- excuse me  
Unit 18 should be open from September 1 to 30 for hunting  
moose to Russian Mission area.

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28 Refer to the minutes says "Member Steven White  
requested that the strong language addressing the upriver and  
downriver conflicts be left out of the minutes or records, and  
changed into general or broad phrase."

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33 Refer to where the agenda says "Coordinator John W.  
Andrew was asked to write a resolution addressing the upriver  
and downriver conflicts back in January 26-27, 1994 at the  
Regional Advisory Council Meeting."

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38 This was translated to regard where it says "Mr. Vince  
Matthews gave a short presentation on the "Designated Task  
Force."

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42 MR. NICK: Those were the highlights given to the  
Council.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Harry Wilde asked if there's any  
visions for the minutes of the meeting.

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48 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman, September -- January 26, 27,  
October 4 meeting (In Yup'ik). Mr. Steven White moved to adopt  
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the October 4 and 5 meeting.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Including January 26 and  
4 7 minutes be adopted.

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6 MR. JOHN: Second.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul John seconded the motion. Are  
9 there any discussions?

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11 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman?

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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15 MR. MANUMIK: I have one question. If you adopt these  
16 minutes, (In Yup'ik), if you miss two meetings, you're out, you  
17 know. Two .....

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19 MR. ANDREW: Unexcused.

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21 MR. MANUMIK: Unexcused, yeah. Mr. Manumik asked the  
22 chairperson if the two unexcused meetings were -- when they  
23 were discussed at fall, that whether -- or any other reason  
24 were considered at the passage of that motion. Mr. Manumik  
25 wanted to know if considerations were taken if there's bad  
26 weather and members cannot attend any meetings.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Harry Wilde says he understood at  
29 the meeting that, you know, if no excuse were given when a  
30 member is not attending, that will be considered unexcused  
31 absence. And if weather is bad, whether it's here or in  
32 Bethel, if we can't make it to the meeting, we could give our  
33 reasonable excuse that we cannot attend any of the Council  
34 meetings.

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36 MR. MANUMIK: Koyana.

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38 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, David?

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42 MR. DAVID: David O. David says that sometimes you  
43 could say you are able to attend a meeting. Mr. David O. David  
44 says that sometimes even though you want to give a reasonable  
45 excuse for being absent from any meetings, if you cannot  
46 contact any staff members, there's no way to send a message to  
47 appropriate people that you cannot attend the meeting. This  
48 type of thing should be considered for considering such  
49 policies. That portion of the policy should be revised in the

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Way that the excuses are relating to weather or personal  
 emergencies or whatever can be considered for reasonable excuse  
 for not attending the meetings.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Harry Wilde reminded David O.  
 David that if Regional Council members commitments are  
 discussed during this meeting, we may be able to discuss this.  
 8When we get to that agenda item, we'll be able to discuss  
 those concerns.

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11 MR. DAVID: I so move for the adoption of the minutes.

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13 MR. NICK: Mr. David O. David moved to adopt the  
 minutes.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: All those in favor?

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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22 (No opposing responses)

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion passed. The election of  
 officers, agenda item number six. Nominations are now open for  
 Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Council.  
 Nominations are now open for officers of the Regional Council.

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29 MR. ANDREW: Koyana. Mr. John Andrew explained  
 that .....

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32 MR. NICK: Excuse me, first of all, the Chairperson  
 wanted to give the Chair over to Coordinator John Andrew for  
 nominations.

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36 MR. ANDREW: And John Andrew explained to the Council  
 members that anyone can nominate one or two members.

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39 MR. ANVIL: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Harry Wilde.

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41 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde's been nominated.

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43 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. JOHN: Second.

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47 MR. ANDREW: Paul John.

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49 MR. NICK: Nomination seconded by Paul John.

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2 MR. DAVID: Move to close the nominations.  
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4 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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6 MR. NICK: David O. David moved to close the  
7 nominations.  
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9 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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11 MR. MANUMIK: Who got the Chairman?  
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13 MR. ANDREW: Harry. Mr. Chairman.  
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15 MR. MANUMIK: There was only one nomination then. I  
16 think it's unanimous that everybody wants you back on the  
17 chair. So the question I have is do we nominate for another  
18 person again or .....  
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20 MR. DAVID: No. I moved to close the nominations, and  
21 that means for unanimous consent be in order.  
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23 MR. MANUMIK: Okay. Now we ask for Vice Chair?  
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25 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) for unanimous consent (In  
26 Yup'ik) Harry, Chair.  
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28 Nomination for Vice Chairman or Co-Chairperson is now  
29 open.  
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31 MR. WHITE: Steven White nominated David O. David.  
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33 MR. ANDREW: Steven White nominates David O. David.  
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35 MR. CHALIAK: Second.  
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37 MR. ANDREW: Seconded by Chuck Chaliak.  
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39 MR. NICK: Seconded by Chuck Chaliak.  
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41 MR. MANUMIK: Move to close the nominations.  
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43 MR. NICK: Motion made to close the nominations by Paul  
44 Manumik.  
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46 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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48 MR. MANUMIK: I'd like to nominate Gene Peltola for  
49 Vice Chair.  
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2 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Paul Manumik nominated Gene Peltola  
3 for Vice Chairman.  
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5 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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7 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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9 MR. MANUMIK: So we have to vote this time.  
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11 MR. ANDREW: No second for nomination of Gene Peltola.  
12 Motion failed because of lack of second. Motion died because  
13 of lack of second.  
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15 MR. WHITE: Move to close nominations.  
16  
17 MR. ANDREW: Steven White moved to close the  
18 nominations for Vice Chair.  
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20 MR. CHALIAK: Second.  
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22 MR. NICK: Seconded by Chuck Chaliak.  
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24 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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26 MR. JOHN: I nominate Paul Manumik.  
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28 MR. DAVID: I'll second the motion. With that I will  
29 ask for unanimous consent of the Council.  
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31 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)  
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33 MR. DAVID: Paul John.  
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35 MR. NICK: Oh, Paul John. Paul John nominated to .....  
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37 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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39 MR. NICK: Okay. The motion was made by Paul John to  
40 nominate Paul Manumik as the secretary for the Council and  
41 asked for unanimous consent.  
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43 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Koyana.  
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47 MR. NICK: Unanimous consent I believe was given.  
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Wilde says that he was -- has been  
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Doing a good job in chairing the Council. He says that he will do the best he can to be the Chairperson of the Regional Council. He also asked the members and people present here that they should pray for him for whatever he does on behalf of the Regional Council, and during the time he travels. He promised that he will do the best he can to run the Regional Council.

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9 David O. David next. You have to make a speech.

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11 MR. DAVID: David O. David says that he will do the best he can to represent his unit or his villages. He says that he will do the best he can to do whatever is necessary to represent his villages, even though there's other agencies that he's involved in, he will do the best he can. He thanks everyone for having confidence in him by nominating him for Vice Chair. Koyana.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Koyana, David. The Chairman now asks for a speech from the Secretary, Paul Manumik, because he says he has never heard a speech from him.

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23 MR. MANUMIK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manumik apologized that he could not attend one of the meetings, because, you know, because of the weather. He says he was standing by for leaving one time, but he gave up when the weather didn't improve. He says that he cannot promise that he will attend all of the meetings, because of the weather, but when you're involved with other agencies, and the meetings are at the same time, when one agency calls a meeting first, he has to attend the first meeting. He says it's not good to be a member of too many agency board membership, so perhaps he can't make it all the times to all of the meetings. He says he will attend whenever he can.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) He says that on behalf of those people who don't understand Yup'ik, he would like to explain the role of the entire Council.

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40 He's calling for a five-minute break before we go on to agenda item seven.

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43 (In Yup'ik) He says at this time before we take a break, we're going to -- he's calling a moment of silence.

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46 (Moment of silence in memory of Roy P. Otton)

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Amen. Koyana. (In Yup'ik) Five minute break.

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2 (Off record)

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4 (On record)

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: ..... over there that he couldn't --  
He cannot translate loud, because he tried to feedback that  
Recorder over there at the same time. And hopefully some of  
the things that what we're going to do -- what we're going to  
talk about in Yup'ik, we have to -- our elders here and some of  
our people here have to understand what you guys are talking  
about if you guys start reporting, that's next on the line.  
And then we're going to need our translator make sure our  
reports are understand in Yup'ik.

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16 But the first thing, there's some requests, some  
requests some meeting tonight, or not to meeting tonight. I  
think I'm going to ask the Board's -- the Board here what you  
want to do tonight, because that's their privilege, and also  
that one thing that I kind of respect people have to go to  
church, want to go to church tonight.

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23 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde is repeating what he said in  
English just a moment ago.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Harry Wilde asked the Regional  
Council whether or not they want to have an evening meeting or  
not. He says that this building is reserved for meetings for  
these two days, March 1 and 2.

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31 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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35 MR. DAVID: David O. David says that, you know, if  
there's going to be any church services this evening, even  
though we ask the general public to attend the meeting this  
evening, they may not come to the meeting.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: He says whatever people want to do,  
they will do, but he want to ask the Chairperson whether or not  
the Council members want to have any evening meeting.  
Mr. Wilde says the meeting should continue until 6:00 o'clock  
this evening. That way people can attend the church services  
if they wish to do so this evening. And that the meeting be  
convened at 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. He says that by  
tomorrow morning the translating equipment should be here, so  
everyone will be able to understand what people say both in  
Yup'ik or English.

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2 Now we're moving on to new business on the agenda.  
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4 Translator, (In Yup'ik). I would like him to come over  
5 and translate on this side, and people that are going to report  
6 over to -- close to that cassette over there.  
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8 Next on our agenda is old business report. E, Kilbuck  
9 caribou census.  
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11 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?  
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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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15 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)  
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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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19 MR. DAVID: Oh, okay.  
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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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23 MR. DAVID: All right.  
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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Okay.  
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27 TIM \_\_\_\_: Mr. Chairman? We had a problem down there  
28 Scammon Bay, no translator. Are we going to have the same  
29 problem here?  
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, we don't have no stick, you know,  
32 telephone or antenna. No antenna.  
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34 TIM \_\_\_\_: We had a problem down there at Scammon  
35 Bay, .....

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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39 TIM \_\_\_\_: ..... we didn't have no translators.  
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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. In here we've got translator,  
42 but we don't have no antenna.  
43  
44 TIM \_\_\_\_: Then we've got a problem, you know, no  
45 translator, any language like that, there can be problems.  
46  
47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Next on our agenda is Kilbuck  
48 caribou/Mulchatna caribou. I think both of these two things,  
49 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and ADF&G, if they're going to  
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report, I would like them to go over there close to cassette and report. But translator will be translating on this side.

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4 TIM \_\_\_\_: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to -- I don't like to disturb you, because I went down there to commercial (indiscernible). Subsistence needs to know why. We didn't understand very much of, and why the caribou .....

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim, this is going to be just a report, and the main thing it's going to be -- the main things are tomorrow. We're going to save it for tomorrow.

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13 TIM \_\_\_\_: No, I'm just asking you right now, first translate better tomorrow.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, we've got translator over here, and someone speak over there, so you'll hear them both. All you have to do is move up in front.

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20 TIM \_\_\_\_: I will.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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24 TIM \_\_\_\_: (Indiscernible)

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Good. Okay.

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28 MR. STROM: Yes, my name is Denny Strom from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and I'll give you a little brief synopsis of what happened this fall with the Kilbuck caribou and the Mulchatna herd. Okay. As soon as conditions got to where we could get up in the mountains this fall in early November, we went up into the -- we went up to start doing some preliminary counting on caribou, and we set up to do -- we were going to continue putting some more collars out on the Kilbuck caribou so it would help us to follow that particular herd around.

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39 As soon as we got in the mountains, we noticed that there was a particularly large amount of caribou up there, many more than what we had anticipated or thought about anything with the Kilbucks, so we did a quick count over the whole area and determined that we had, you know, 20,000 plus caribou in the area. The survey showed a considerable amount of caribou had come across the Fog River from over in the Salmon River country on the Aniak. And there was a very large trail coming across -- out onto the Delta and spreading out towards Three Step Mountain.

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1 Both the Game & Fish -- the State Game & Fish and Fish  
 2 Wildlife Service had been looking for the Mulchatna herd to  
 3 Break out across -- through the mountains the last several  
 4 years. They had come around the point of the mountains up in  
 5 White Fish Lake area a couple times, but not any large amounts.  
 6 This particular bunch of caribou was a significant herd, and  
 7 Based on that information, Randy go ahold of his people and  
 8 through the State Game Board, within about four to five hours  
 9 He got the season opened up to two caribou a day through the  
 10 middle of December. You know, they made an emergency opener,  
 11 because this was a -- the herd of caribou basically came in and  
 12 over-run the Kilbuck caribous, and we felt that the Mulchatnas  
 13 are not in any problems. We wanted to make it available for  
 14 subsistence hunters to take animals.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim, what's the problem?

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18 TIM \_\_\_\_: (In Yup'ik)

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim, yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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22 TIM \_\_\_\_: Yes, I'm making comments right now.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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26 TIM \_\_\_\_: (In Yup'ik)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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30 TIM \_\_\_\_: Well, he's talking more than a comment  
 31 though.

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33 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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35 MR. STROM: We didn't know how long these -- go ahead.

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37 TIM \_\_\_\_: Is there -- I understood you though to say  
 38 something about (indiscernible).

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40 MR. STROM: Okay. The State Fish & Game opened up the  
 41 area south of the Kuskokwim River. That's the area that they  
 42 kept it open in, because that's where the majority of the -- or  
 43 all the animals as far as we could determine were in.

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45 Subsequent surveys have shown that they -- those  
 46 animals have moved this winter as far south as Goodnews, and  
 47 actually got into the top end of the Goodnews drainage. The  
 48 State as of the 15th of December when their original emergency  
 49 order ended, extended it again until the end -- until mid

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March. And we feel most of those animals will be out of here by then. We don't know for sure yet. Presently the animals have moved into the Goodnews Drainage and Platinum River Drainage, and they're now moving back north again. They're out in the flats east of Quinhagak, and up on the south side of the Great Ridge, and they're moving across the Great Ridge and out to the north. We don't know if they're going to go out. Basically the area -- same way they came in, up the Fog River, or what, but they're presently moving back that direction now. The season's still open until mid March.

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12 Presently, with that large amount of caribou that came in, the old radio collars that we had on what we've dealt with as the Kilbuck caribou or Qavilnguut caribou, those animals have mixed with the Mulchatnas, and the majority of those had moved down -- all the way down into the Goodnews and Platinum area. Presently they're on their way back, so it's going to be as we're going to be really interested. Most of those collars are on females, and they should stay in their calving area in the Kisaralik Drainage up there, on the hills up there this spring, so -- but it's going to be real interesting to see what stays and what goes. There are several other places where large caribou herds over-run small caribou herds, and when the big ones leave, -- or the big caribou herd leaves, the small ones stay in one spot, so we're -- we don't know for sure if it's going to stay if they're just going to suck them off and take them with them. We don't know. And the first time we'll get a chance to find out what we've got left in the area after these animals move out will be probably during our calving surveys in mid May, and then we can see what we've got left.

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32 I think the State deserves a good amount of credit this year. They saw an opportunity to provide for the subsistence hunters in Unit 18, and acted as fast as I've ever seen them do as an emergency opener to open it up so it would be available for people to harvest. It went quick. It was -- I don't think they've ever made an emergency opener in four to five hours before, but they got it open as soon as we found out we had animals there. And lots of -- a lot of people participated in this hunt, a lot of people got much needed red meat this year.

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42 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Okay.

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46 MR. STROM: Okay. Where we go with the Qavilnguut caribou will depend on what we've got for surveys. I don't sense any changes in the Kilbuck caribou plan. We'll report back to you as soon as we've got some information on what we've

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got for numbers up there, so right now I can't really tell you. There was still -- the last count that I heard was about three weeks ago, and they counted about 39,000 animals between Goodnews and north of Quinhagak, so there's still a substantial amount of caribou back in there, but, like I said before, they're moving to the northeast, and as soon as weather conditions permit, I think they'll go out over the mountains. Where they'll go through, I don't know where, but they should be back on their calving grounds and the headwaters of the Mulchatna by early May, so .....

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12 I don't know if this is an annual trend. I hope for the sake of the subsistence hunters in the Kuskokwim Delta that it is, but no way of knowing.

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16 Any questions?

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18 MR. DAVID: Are there any other herds moving towards -- not besides the ones that already are there?

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21 MR. STROM: We're not aware of any. We had a report about three weeks ago from Stebbins that up on the northern end of the Andreafsky Hills up here on the Golsovia, the top of the Golsovia, that a herd of about 5,000 animals were moving down this way. We went up to look, we weren't able to find any of them. Any sign. We got a call from a Mr. Washington I think and I think it's Stebbins or St. Michaels, and that's the only other ones that I know about.

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30 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, I have one more.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Translate. (In Yup'ik)

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34 MR. DAVID: Okay.

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36 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. NICK: Mr. David O. David's question .....

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42 TIM \_\_\_\_: Mr. Chairman?

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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46 TIM \_\_\_\_: Can he represent himself where he's from?

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What?

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1 TIM \_\_\_\_: Can he represent where he's from?  
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3 MR. NICK: Let me interpret this first, and then you  
4 could ask him what .....  
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6 Mr. David O. David's second question is .....  
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8 TIM \_\_\_\_: I want to know where (indiscernible) from.  
9 Where he's speaking from.  
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11 MR. NICK: Second question is if you know exactly how  
12 what numbers -- what amount of caribou there was in the  
13 Kilbuck herd before Mulchatna herd moved in.  
14  
15 TIM \_\_\_\_: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman, I'm very  
16 confused. Both of them, where they come from, before they  
17 speak.  
18  
19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I couldn't even hear you from here.  
20 You better move up here some place.  
21  
22 TIM \_\_\_\_: Can you tell these guys where they come  
23 from before they speak? (In Yup'ik)  
24  
25 MR. NICK: From Kwigillingok.  
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27 TIM \_\_\_\_: Can you tell us .....  
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29 MR. NICK: Yeah, David .....  
30  
31 TIM \_\_\_\_: ..... where this guy from who was speaking  
32 right there?  
33  
34 MR. NICK: Yeah, from Kwigillingok. Kwigillingok.  
35 He's from Kwigillingok.  
36  
37 TIM \_\_\_\_: Yeah, I was wondering where that guy came  
38 from.  
39  
40 MR. STROM: That's where he came from. Kwigillingok.  
41  
42 TIM \_\_\_\_: When he speak up.  
43  
44 MR. STROM: Okay. David, we were not able to get -- we  
45 formally do a count on the Kilbucks. The count that we try to  
46 is in early November when they congregate for the breeding  
47 season. And because of the influx of Mulchatna caribou coming  
48 to that area this year, we were not able to do that  
49 particular count, so I can't -- I can't tell you exactly what  
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We had for Kilbucks in there. That's what we were planning on doing going out when we found all the caribou up there. Nobody had given us any reports that anything was up there, and I -- it looked -- from last spring, it looked like there was good calves. It looked like the herd was going to grow again. I don't see any major things.

I'm concerned what's going to go with the Mulchatnas, if we lose animals. We may not. I don't know. I don't think anybody does. We'll -- the calving count this spring will show us what we've got left, give us a good indication so we can compare it against last year's -- last year's work, so .....

MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

MR. NICK: Oh, I forgot to ask one part of his question. If State opened their season, was that on the State land?

MR. STROM: When the State opens on -- the State did an emergency opening, and it was basically all opened. We found out that this -- the State when they opened it like that, Federal land was open, so .....

I think, John, you called Harry, I think, at that particular time. There was calls going that day like crazy, to let everybody know what was going on. We were trying to get the season opened as fast as we could for people, because we didn't know how long that they were going to stay there, and we wanted folks to have this -- as quick an opportunity to get to them as we could.

MR. DAVID: Koyana.

MR. NICK: He says thank you.

MR. STROM: Okay. Any other questions?

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

MR. COFFING: I just want to -- wanted to add one thing, just to remind the Board and other people that are here, that at the same time -- actually the State opened their season late October by emergency order. However, there was a scheduled Federal subsistence hunt that also opened in December, December 15th. The Federal subsistence hunt opened it has been doing every year, so Federal lands were open

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certainly under Federal subsistence regulations as well for a split season. And that season closes March 15th, which is the same date as the State season.

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, Greg Roczicka with AVCP. Benny, we received some reports late December, early January of portions of those animals came across -- crossing the Kuskokwim and being seen north of the Gweek (ph), up in there. I went up there myself on a show machine and I never saw any evidence of it, but I was wondering if in the Service or the Department, either one, in some of the flights they made in the State, if they saw any evidence of them crossing, 'cause .....

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14 MR. STROM: We -- our own planes when we were flying never saw it. We were reported -- we had one small herd reported north of Tuluksak of eight animals in the brush across the river by what I consider a good, reliable -- one of the -- one of the people that had been doing some flying. We did some flying this year with elders from the village, from Kwethluk, and this when we were doing some -- we were looking at those animals. We tried to get some people from the village involved with us in flying. And one of the pilots that had flown us quite a few times told us, he said he saw one small herd of eight animals north. That's the only thing that .....

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26 We heard the same things you did. We flew one day the infamous -- what do I want to call them, the -- well, the herd south of town, you know. Or west of town, out there around the Dog White Alice. There was supposedly an animal out there. We went and we flew -- or animals out there. We went and flew that in one afternoon, and spent about four hours flying up there. We did not see a single caribou, a single caribou track or anything, but there was at least 50 snow machines out there looking for them. And so that's all we saw. So that rumor went real fast through Tundra Ridge, the Tundra Ridge herd, but we weren't able to substantiate anything.

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38 I think that's the basis for some of the proposals that are up now in case it does happen that they do come across on the north side of the Kuskokwim, that there will be a chance for a season on them, if they do what caribou do and go where they want to go. And if they do come, there's -- the mechanisms going to be there for an open season.

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45 MR. NICK: (Interprets what Greg Roczicka and Dennis Strom said into Yup'ik)

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48 MR. STROM: The only .....

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James?

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3 MR. STROM: Excuse me.

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5 MR. LUKE: Mr. Chairman, I don't know who to address my  
6 question to. Since these caribou currently are heading south  
7 north of Yukon and open season on Federal lands is for March,  
8 April -- I mean February to March, is there any chance that  
9 these -- once the caribou becomes available north of Yukon to  
10 have a season?

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12 MR. STROM: Well, the proposals are to change that.  
13 That will come up tomorrow I think, is basically north of the  
14 Yukon, they're going -- the proposal is out for a extended  
15 season I think to cover .....

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17 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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21 MR. COFFING: I'll wait until he can hear me. I want  
22 mention to Dana -- no, James?

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24 MR. LUKE: James.

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26 MR. COFFING: Right. This fall at the Federal  
27 Subsistence Board meeting, the Federal Board took action,  
28 special action which in fact opened the season now. The season  
29 open right now. It opened February 1 for caribou north of  
30 the Yukon and will close the end of March. So the proposal  
31 you're going to look at today is going to do it on a permanent  
32 basis, but the season is open right now on Federal lands north  
33 of the Yukon.

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35 MR. NICK: What's the bag limit?

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37 MR. FISHER: What about the State season?

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39 MR. COFFING: Pardon me?

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41 MR. NICK: What is the bag limit?

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43 MR. COFFING: The bag limit is one caribou. The State  
44 season is exactly the same. One caribou, February 1 to March  
45 28th. So north of the Yukon it's February 1 to March 28,  
46 Federal land and State land, one caribou.

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48 MR. NICK: (Interprets last section into Yup'ik). What  
49 excuse me, I'm a little confused on your answer.

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2 MR. STROM: Okay. Up in where we saw the -- or where  
~~we~~ had them reported them was north of Tuluksak, or just across  
~~the~~ river from Tuluksak.  
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6 MR. NICK: No, on this .....  
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8 MR. STROM: Yeah, on the north side of the Kuskokwim,  
~~not~~ north of the .....  
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11 MR. NICK: No, on this part up here .....  
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13 MR. STROM: Oh, this one up here?  
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15 MR. NICK: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
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17 MR. STROM: The report was about approximately 5,000  
~~caribou~~ caribou in the headwaters of the Golsovia, which puts it right  
~~in~~ the top end of the Andreafsky up here. But we weren't -- we  
~~were~~ were not able to substantiate that.  
21  
22 MR. NICK: Yeah, I've already covered that, but your  
~~response~~ response to James on his question.  
24  
25 MR. LUKE: Well, maybe I could .....  
26  
27 MR. NICK: Okay.  
28  
29 MR. LUKE: ..... ask my question again. Since the  
~~caribou~~ caribou is not available here yet, once they become available,  
~~is~~ there any chance that you might open the season again for us  
~~after~~ after March 28th?  
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34 MR. STROM: Yeah, I think the proposal is to go for a  
~~year~~ year round season, isn't it? To change that? One of the  
~~proposals~~ proposals?  
37  
38 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I might respond, as I  
~~understand~~ understand your question, is that if the season closes March  
~~30st~~ 30st, and the caribou aren't here yet, are you asking if there  
~~might~~ might be an additional season if the caribou come down?  
42  
43 MR. LUKE: Yes. That's my question.  
44  
45 MR. COFFING: Okay. Okay. That -- at least on Federal  
~~lands~~ lands, that would take some action by the Federal Subsistence  
~~Board~~ Board. It would be called a special action. I guess I can't  
~~answer~~ answer that now, but should that happen, I think that the  
~~community~~ community or the Council might want to -- might want to go  
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through the Coordinator, John Andrew, and ask maybe for the --  
 I'm assuming that would be the avenue, is to have the Federal  
 Subsistence Board entertain perhaps an opening. So I guess I  
 can't answer that for sure, but I think that would be the  
 avenue you would go through.

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7 I guess the other thing to think about is if the  
 caribou come down later after the season closes, March 31st,  
 certainly you'd want to consider things like travel conditions,  
 snow conditions, but also maybe what kind of condition the  
 caribou might be in if they're -- for example, if they're  
 pregnant cows carrying calves. That's been a concern over on  
 the Kuskokwim where people haven't wanted to hunt too late,  
 because of the stress it placed on caribou. So I think maybe  
 all that would come to the discussion.

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17 MR. NICK: February 1 the season open?

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19 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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21 MR. NICK: (Continues translation).

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. SHEPARD: Mr. Chairman, (in Yup'ik) Federal  
 Subsistence Board testimony for Federal -- Unit 18 north of the  
 Yukon caribou (In Yup'ik) one per day. (In Yup'ik) When they  
 come down, they come down. (In Yup'ik) They're allowed to  
 kill five per day. They don't have to travel a long ways. (In  
 Yup'ik) We have to go a long ways up there. Now, one per day  
 (In Yup'ik).

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33 MR. NICK: Stan?

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35 MR. SHEPARD: Stan Shepard.

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37 MR. NICK: Stan Shepard says that some time ago, was it  
 last month?

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40 MR. SHEPARD: November.

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42 MR. NICK: In November. Testimony was given on the  
 one-per-day bag limit for Unit 18 caribou on the north of  
 Yukon. His recommendation is that that bag limit of one per  
 day should be changed to whatever.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Stan, I think I could respond to your  
 question concerning more than one per day. Maybe by tomorrow  
 if you're here attending the meeting, we do have Proposal #37,

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Unit 18 caribou, add a July season north of Yukon River, five  
per day. I think if you attend that, you'll hear that. That's  
customary and traditional use. Five a day.

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5 MR. SHEPARD: Koyana.

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7 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Proposal #37? 37?

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, 37.

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11 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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13 MR. KOPANAK: Mr. Chairman, my name is Dana Kopanak.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Dana Kopanak.

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17 MR. KOPANAK: Relating with the Federal lands, .....

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19 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, sir, could you come up  
closer to where I could pick you up on the microphone? I'm  
having trouble hearing you.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. KOPANAK: My name is Dana Kopanak from Mountain  
Village, State and Federal subsistence user. My question is  
sort of silly, but since we're talking about caribous, in case  
they come down this way, and somebody mentioned a little while  
ago that we should talk with John Andrew, the subsistence  
Federal coordinator, if -- in case the caribous come down this  
way. My proposal or suggestion for tomorrow, including five a  
day caribou, that even if we don't have caribous on this side,  
north of Mountain Village close by, we should be included on  
closure on 30-day -- I mean March 31, kept open all the time so  
we don't have to fool around going to John Andrew and -- that  
would be the -- that's my thing. In case the caribou tomorrow  
will come tomorrow. Thank you.

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39 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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43 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Chairman, Harry Wilde, says that  
they will take care of -- they will listen to only reports from  
Fish & Game and Fish & Wildlife today, and they will deal with  
the proposals tomorrow.

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1 I think right now next on our agenda is Lower Yukon  
 2 Moose Management Plan. (In Yup'ik) I think there's some  
 3 people that are capable -- who will be able to handle that.  
 4 This one here is just the feedback. It didn't mention who will  
 5 give a report?

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 7 MR. STROM: This is Denny Strom for the Fish & Wildlife  
 8 Service again. Randy Kacyon couldn't be here. He wanted to  
 9 talk about this. And one of the things he wanted me to talk  
 10 just a little bit to the group about is one of our emphasis in  
 11 the Lower Yukon Moose Management Plan as you remember was that  
 12 sign up on the wall there on harvesting cows? Not harvesting  
 13 cows, because we want the herd to grow down in this low end.  
 14 We wanted to expand. And if there's any one thing we can do to  
 15 make that herd expand any faster, it's to quit shooting cows  
 16 during the winter season. And Randy was quite concerned about  
 17 it. There were several cases made up on the Yukon here this  
 18 winter and this fall with folks shooting cows, and he just  
 19 wanted me to bring it to the Board's attention that we're all  
 20 going to have to work on that, we're going to have to work in  
 21 the villages. We maybe have to get some more notification out  
 22 and just let folks know what we're trying to do.

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 24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think I would kind of respond that,  
 25 you know, you guys have a handle, when you guys have a problem  
 26 with geese. I think that something like this, it would be put  
 27 on a calendar like the school children do the project like  
 28 these project. I think that's the only way that we would be  
 29 able to spread it out to the villages, through school children.

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 31 MR. STROM: Uh-huh. Well, I want to sit down with  
 32 Randy and with the Federal Board and find out if there's other  
 33 things we can do besides that. That's a good idea, but I think  
 34 we have to get the information out to the villages what we're  
 35 trying to do with that Lower Yukon Moose Management Plan. And  
 36 with that education I think folks will understand where we're  
 37 where we're headed, and where we -- where we want to get to.  
 38 That's where we have to be.

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 40 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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 42 MR. STROM: Go ahead.

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 44 MR. NICK: (Translates the preceding discussion)

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 46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's it?

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 48 MR. STROM: That's all I have.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. COFFING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I wanted  
 4 to do today for the Council was to bring you up to date on  
 5 where we are for Unit 18 customary and traditional eligibility  
 6 determinations. Trigger me here when you want me to stop,  
 7 okay, so you can translate.

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9 MR. NICK: Go ahead.

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11 MR. COFFING: Just before Christmas letters went out  
 12 like this to each of you with Mr. Pospahala, Richard  
 13 Pospahala's signature on it here, and those letters were sent  
 14 out to each of the Council members that are here, as well as to  
 15 each of the Regional Council members for the Bristol Bay area,  
 16 for the Western Interior Regional Council, for the Seward  
 17 Peninsula Council. Letters were sent to all of the communities  
 18 within Unit 18, many within Unit 19, Unit 17 and Unit 22. And  
 19 letters were also sent out to each of the State Fish & Game  
 20 Advisory Committee members that are within Unit 18, and part of  
 21 Unit 19 as well. Basically outlining what it is we're doing,  
 22 what it is want to know, with a summary of information of  
 23 essentially what the current subsistence eligibility  
 24 determinations are now.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Harry Wilde would like to let you  
 27 know his concern about eligibility, customary and traditional  
 28 eligibility. He says that the Regional Council members .....

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30 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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34 MR. NICK: Regional Council members feels that, you  
 35 know, the -- even though they're supposed to represent the  
 36 general public within the unit, it seems like that the Regional  
 37 Council are -- you know, they impose some hardship on the  
 38 following communities: Chevak, Hooper Bay, and Scammon Bay,  
 39 because of the fact that, you know, they -- according to the  
 40 non-native term of "eligibility," these people are not eligible  
 41 to participate in the subsistence activities in some respective  
 42 units, such as Unit 18, and he'd like to express his concern as  
 43 Council member that, you know, that this type of thing should  
 44 be considered in preparing such documents. (In Yup'ik)

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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48 MR. NICK: Okay.

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1 MR. COFFING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that's  
 2 exactly why we're going through this process is any concerns  
 3 the Council has, any concerns communities have, any concerns  
 4 users have about the existing eligibility determinations, I  
 5 want you to tell me what those are, or at least give me  
 6 people's names that I could go talk to to learn more about it  
 7 so that through this process we end up with determinations that  
 8 the Council's comfortable with, that the communities in the  
 9 region are comfortable with, and they really identify what  
 10 customary and traditional use communities are for these various  
 11 resources. So that's what the process is for, so I appreciate  
 12 your comments.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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16 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik) And earlier  
 17 our Chairman was more concerned with the adequate  
 18 representation -- adequately representing this area, especially  
 19 in the Lower Yukon area. They're not involved in the Federal  
 20 regulatory process, not adequately represented, and there's a  
 21 cultural gap in the Hooper/Chevak/Scammon Bay area. They're  
 22 not represented right from the lower end of this one.

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24 And the other argument I've heard in the past was  
 25 leaving that area out, even though it's supposed to be  
 26 represented by Lower Yukon, and they throw in Stebbins and  
 27 St. Michael, which are actually under the jurisdiction of Unit  
 28. Those are some things to be considered. Koyana.

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30 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I think I better understand  
 31 what your concerns are now about Chevak, Scammon and Hooper  
 32 Bay. It's -- as I understand what John translated, your  
 33 concern is more directly one of having some representation from  
 34 that area on the Council, is that what I'm hearing?

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No. No, it's not. I will make you a  
 37 I'll speak in English and you will understand my concern. A  
 38 long time ago before the reindeer come around, Hooper Bay and  
 39 that area according to the elders, they used to have caribou.  
 40 long time ago. And then after there's any more caribous move  
 41 caribous move away and wolf come around, chase them away or  
 42 whatever, and they no longer have no caribou down there. So in  
 43 the white man way of speaking, or in the English way of  
 44 speaking, those people should have -- should be eligibility  
 45 include customary and traditional use, because they used to  
 46 have caribou in that area.

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48 MR. COFFING: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do you understand me now?

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3 MR. COFFING: Thank you very much. Yes. Very clearly.

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5 MR. NICK: (Translates what Chairman Wilde and  
Mr. Coffing said) Go ahead.

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8 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Thanks, Al.

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10 So far in this process, it's been kind of laid out of  
how to go through and develop customary and traditional use  
eligibility determinations has been laid out kind of by the --  
13 guess by staff pretty much. There was an announcement in the  
Federal Register, I think it was the fall of '92, that  
basically -- I'm not correct -- I may not be exactly correct  
about that date. I think it was fall of '92, which identified  
the process and the schedule of which parts of the State we  
would start at, and sort of a schedule of certain parts of --  
certain regions of the State when we anticipated to have the  
determinations completed.

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22 Originally they were planning on -- or hoping to have  
the eligibility determination process completed by -- I think  
the Federal Register notice says summer of 1995, and I want to  
assure the Council that that's not going to happen. We're not  
moving that fast with these.

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28 There was a meeting in Anchorage February 13th and 14th  
to discuss the customary and traditional use eligibility  
process. Mr. Anvil attended that meeting on behalf of the  
Council. I was there, John Andrew was there, and other -- a  
few other staff here were at the meeting. And one message that  
came through loud and clear to all of us at that meeting,  
expressed by Mr. Sheldon Katchatag of the Seward Peninsula  
Council and others was that maybe we need to rethink how we're  
addressing this, that perhaps a better way to do it is to slow  
down, take more time, get more input from the communities, get  
more input directly from the Council on how they would like to  
see this process continue.

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41 MR. NICK: I'll try. (In Yup'ik) Excuse me. Sheldon  
Katchatag?

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44 MR. COFFING: Sheldon Katchatag.

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46 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Seward Peninsula?

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48 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to correct one  
 4 thing. It was actually -- I found it here. The Federal  
 5 Register notice, this is where the schedule was formally --  
 6 where the formal announcement was made was the Federal Register  
 7 Notice of July 15th, 1994, which was last summer.

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9 Having said that, I think what I want to do is let the  
 10 Council know that although there was a Federal Register notice  
 11 here that kind of laid the schedule out, that really we're  
 12 rethinking this whole c&t process right now, and it's still  
 13 evolving. And I think that if anything, I could assure the  
 14 Council that staff is going to want to have I think more  
 15 involvement by the Council in this customary and traditional  
 16 use process, eligibility process, as we go through it. I think  
 17 the shift now has been to see more involvement by the Council,  
 18 and it's more direct involvement and higher level of  
 19 involvement by the Regional Council.

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21 One of Sheldon's -- one thing that Sheldon was  
 22 interested in was, well, stepping back, getting out and maybe  
 23 having what he called subregional meetings in the -- in each  
 24 particular region where you could get out into the communities,  
 25 allow the public to come and talk about their customary and  
 26 additional uses, to really tell us what those are, rather than  
 27 try to formulate them by the method that we were -- you  
 28 know, that we were going to use, literature review and so  
 29 forth, and then come back for Council review of that material.  
 30 I think now we're maybe looking at public involvement earlier  
 31 in the process as well as Council involvement.

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33 I think I'll stop and let Alex translate.

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35 MR. NICK: All right. (In Yup'ik) July 19th is it?

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37 MR. COFFING: Yes.

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39 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. COFFING: One of the other points that Sheldon  
 42 raised and was a point of discussion at the meeting in  
 43 Anchorage on the 13th and 14th, primarily the 13th, was the  
 44 fact that this c&t process, which in regulation is called  
 45 Subpart C, is set up on a schedule where we look at particular  
 46 parts of the State over a period of time. Sheldon and I think  
 47 others have thought that perhaps a better way of approaching it  
 48 simply to do it on an annual basis very much the way you  
 49 handle your regulation proposals. That is, you would make

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adjustments or make proposals for customary and traditional use  
determination for that process to happen on an annual basis  
rather than simply delaying doing it, and then doing it all at  
one time and then not doing it again for a while. But to roll  
it in as part of the annual regulatory review and regulatory  
proposal development process.

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8 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) February 13th?

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10 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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12 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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14 MR. COFFING: So I think where I want to leave it, and  
15 want to make one more point, is that this process about how  
16 we're going to do it is still evolving. It's not -- we --  
17 everybody hasn't agreed on and hasn't had a chance to really  
18 analyze and assimilate the information from the February 13th  
19 meeting, so I think we're all, you know, still thinking about  
20 maybe how to do it and, of course, any suggestions here that  
21 the Council would have would be most welcome.

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23 One other point I wanted to make on this process of c&t  
24, you know, one element only is to decide which communities  
25 are eligible for subsistence use. That essentially is what a  
26 lot of people look at as the result. And that is one part of  
27. But a second part is as I think equally important is the  
28 information that we all get and that we write down about what  
29 the subsistence uses, when are traditional hunting times, bag  
30 limits, traditional seasons, methods of access, transportation,  
31 sharing, distribution, that whole body of knowledge that many  
32 of you elders have and the public and the community has, is  
33 something that is very important also, because providing that  
34 us, and us writing that down, that information is very  
35 helpful to the public, to the Federal Subsistence Board. When  
36 they begin to look at proposals to come in, they will look at  
37 this body of information on what subsistence uses are as you  
38 described them to me and others, and will look at a proposal  
39 and will -- that information will help them determine whether  
40 that proposal really does fit into what your subsistence uses  
41 are. So that's just another important element that I wanted to  
42 mention.

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44 And that's all I have. I'll be happy to answer any  
45 questions you might have.

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47 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) David?

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2 MR. DAVID: David O. David says that although they want  
3 to utilize participation from elders, native elders on  
4 customary and traditional eligibility process or whatever  
5 involvement you want to have from the native elders, there are  
6 no funding available at the current time to pay for their  
7 transportation and per diem. And if you want to utilize their  
8 knowledge on subsistence, customary and traditional eligibility  
9 process or any other involvement, there should be some funding  
10 available for them to attend these meetings, you know, so that  
11 they could contribute whatever they know and what you want to  
12 know.

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14 MR. JOHN: Mr. Chairman?

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul.

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18 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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20 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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22 MR. JOHN: Ee-ee.

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24 MR. NICK: Okay. Mr. Paul John of Toksook Bay stated  
25 that it's true that the Great Being let some of the resources,  
26 subsistence resources such as big game or small game, even  
27 fish, become abundant based on the need on the earth. He says  
28 that the -- it will be good for the people who do the planning  
29 people who do the eligibility process consider utilizing the  
30 knowledge of the elders, because of the fact that the elders  
31 know from time immemorial that, you know, what's needed is made  
32 abundant on the earth. And he know that in his own knowledge,  
33 you know, he says that this is what he have mentioned before in  
34 the past meetings elsewhere. I don't know where, but  
35 somewhere, but he's going to repeat what he says.

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37 He says that in this rural area from time immemorial  
38 the elders know when there's a need, something becomes abundant  
39 on the face of the earth. And when somebody don't need some  
40 resource, that there is a decline in that respective resource,  
41 whether it's fish or game.

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43 He says that nowadays our young people, even though  
44 they have education in this -- you know, in this civilized  
45 world, there are no jobs available. And with the funding --  
46 and a lot of funding being cut by State and Federal Government  
47 for any kind of aid or providing jobs, our younger generation  
48 will not always have jobs of their choice.

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1 He says that the elders taught from the time immemorial  
 2 that subsistence fish and wildlife resources are just like a  
 3 plate of something to eat laid on top of the earth.

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 5 He says that in the old days all the resources were  
 6 just like in one bowl for everyone to share, but nowadays,  
 7 because of the land boundaries with the native corporation  
 8 lands, State lands and Federal lands, all of those resources  
 9 are just like many plates laid out on the earth. In one  
 10 respective area, if it's private land, nobody has access to it,  
 11 because people are not eligible to utilize those resources from  
 12 the respective land, whether it's corporation land or State  
 13 land or Federal land, because the regulation says, you know,  
 14 you cannot go any time you want to and harvest any of those  
 15 resources at any time or any time.

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 17 He says that these type of things should be considered  
 18 doing planning, in doing some process such as eligibility  
 19 process, because the fact that, you know, nowadays your  
 20 regulation says, you know, you're not eligible to go to this  
 21 respective area to utilize anything you want to, such as big  
 22 game or small game.

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 24 He says that we need to work together to make people  
 25 eligible for whatever they need, because of the fact that, you  
 26 know, now -- you know, at one point in time you weren't barred  
 27 from utilizing whatever you need from that respective boundary  
 28 land.

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 30 MR. JOHN: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

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 32 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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 34 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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 36 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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 38 MR. JOHN: Ee-ee.

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 40 MR. NICK: Okay. He's -- he wanted to say two more  
 41 things. One is that the elders used to warn that people should  
 42 not fight against each others regarding fish and wildlife  
 43 resources which they utilize to survive. He says that, you  
 44 know, in the old days when he was a very young child, you know,  
 45 he never -- he never used to see anyone fighting against each  
 46 other regarding fish and wildlife resources, and at the time  
 47 there were abundant numbers of reindeer down in this area, down  
 48 the Nelson Island area, as well as in the Y-K Delta.

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1 And when he became a young man, you know, in his  
 2 teenage years and also in, you know, his young adulthood, he  
 3 started to realize that people were fighting against each other  
 4 regarding these resources in his own area. And he started to  
 5 hearing that in some other communities were people were  
 6 fighting amongst themselves regarding the reindeer resources.  
 7 And at the time wolves came, and he heard that, you know, some  
 8 animals died of starvation because the earth froze, you know,  
 9 that it froze the food they got.

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11 And the second thing he wanted to say is that elders  
 12 used to warn that they should not fight amongst each other  
 13 regarding whatever food they got, you know, like fish and  
 14 wildlife resources, that they have a good respect of hunting  
 15 areas, they should share those areas with other people who need  
 16 them. He says that at the time elders used to say that the  
 17 Great Being who watched over everything will wipe out the  
 18 resources if people fight amongst each other. And he realized,  
 19 you know, after I think -- he realized that there's  
 20 Christianity, he realized that those elders mean there is a God  
 21 who rules over everything, who gives everyone what they need,  
 22 and that God will do something, you know, through natural  
 23 causes -- through a natural disaster, that, you know, he will  
 24 wipe everything out, you know, if people fight amongst each  
 25 other, you know. So those are the two things that he wanted to  
 26 mention supporting this Council.

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28 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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30 MR. NICK: He says that he believes that his  
 31 grandfather was a scientist, because he told him when he was  
 32 alive that "there are no more reindeer in this area, but while  
 33 you're alive, you will see some reindeer or caribou in this  
 34 area."

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36 He also mentioned earlier that, you know, he had an  
 37 opportunity of tasting caribou when people shared with him just  
 38 recently.

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40 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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42 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Offering to ancestors. (In  
 43 Yup'ik)

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45 MR. ANDREW: Respect to the spirits. (In Yup'ik)

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47 MR. NICK: But he says -- the last thing he says that,  
 48 you know, he never do what his grandparent requested him to do,  
 49 you know, when he'd go out hunting, is to share with him by

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leaving a little piece of whatever resource he harvest, you know, on the ground. Only one time he said he caught, you know, he shared with his grandpa when one of his meat, moose meat fell on the ground, and there were a lot of sand. He says he cut the piece of the sandy meat and then throw it and say to his grandpa, "Grandpa, here, I'm sharing with you."

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8 (Laughter)

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Koyana. Paul Manumik?

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12 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Mike, my question is concerning the Federal Register. The Secretary of Interior recognizes 58 villages in our region here, Region Five. Are those villages registered in that Register as it is with BIA? Only 56, is it?

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18 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manumik, the Federal Register notice that I was referring to is a notice that is specific to the customary and traditional use process, determination process by the Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior. This one is not the notice that lists the -- are you asking about the list of tribal governments that were recognized? I don't have that in front of me. It's not this particular notice. It might -- I think it might be in a different one. But I -- you know, I've been wondering -- I guess I've heard about that. I haven't seen it myself. I've been trying to get a copy of it, but I don't have a copy of it, so I can't even tell you what date that was when that occurred.

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31 MR. MANUMIK: And the reason why I ask that is because some of the villages might be excluded from that Register, and they should all be in there. If the Interior has recognized all those villages.

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36 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. NICK: Okay.

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42 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chair?

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Chuck?

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46 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)

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48 MR. NICK: Mr. Chuck Chaliak from Nunapitchuk has said that in the old days customary and traditional ways of life

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were passed down by the elders, native elders, to younger people. At the time, you know, the best way that people know how to live and utilize resources. But in this day and age, customary and traditional ways of life are changing in communities because of the fact, you know, and some Western culture and traditions are introduced to our native people, and also our young people were educated, you know, in the older days, but know, you know, the -- our younger people, their offspring, you know, people who are younger than those people who were young at -- you know, when we were all young, you know, are furthering their education, you know, by going to high school and college, and things are going to become more difficult in terms of cooperation and people do not work together.

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16 But what he was more concerned about was cooperation and working together, you know, in order to solve whatever problems that might arise, and in dealing with such things as these regulations, because of the fact that even though our young people are going to further their education, there are not going to be many jobs available, you know. People aren't going to be able to work for living. People will have to do something to survive. So considering these things, the people work as the staff members and people who are making -- who are working as the decisions makers, such as boards, will have to work together, learn how to work together in order to make things work by cooperation and working together. (In Yup'ik)

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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31 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Mr. Harry Wilde, even though it's not on the agenda, he'd like to recommend that in the next meeting, wherever the next meeting is going to be held, that the Regional Council members work together in solving some problems which arise, and that the staff make some monies available for elders to participate.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Not really the money available, but we could take our elders to consult in certain area.

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41 MR. NICK: Okay.

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43 MR. ROCZICKA: You know, before we got off the subject, I had a question for Mike. Greg Roczicka.

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46 Mike, on the, you know, the data (ph) published in the Federal Register and all, I know we talked about it when it first came out, but just if you could clarify, there is no time clock ticking on this essentially as part of the deadline when

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responses come back and so forth. What's the latest on that as far as running through the c&t process, and what the plans are for this meeting and that you're working on?

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5 MR. COFFING: If I understand your question, Greg, I think I was assured -- I mean, when I began working in August, and I looked at this which came out in July, I saw that they wanted the Y-K Delta c&t done basically in 1995, less than a year after I started, and I was assured that, you know, that that's not the plan. I don't think -- you know, even though it's been published in the Register, I think the Council and the Councils that were at the meeting and people that were present when Mr. Antone Anvil was at the meeting the 13th and 14th in Anchorage, and the Staff Committee and other staff committee -- or other staff, recognized that perhaps this whole process has been too heavily loaded from the top down. I guess that's been the term, you know, that the bureaucrats have decided what the process would be, and they're laying it out for the Councils and the public.

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21 And I think that the emphasis now is to step back and start to build from the Councils and the public up, so the Councils can tell us, you know, best how to do it in terms of certainly the time frame, but also the -- more of the details about who I should talk to, their recommendations and time for review and proper public involvement in the whole process.

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28 So, you know, I'd like to be able to, I guess, say that our schedule is to have this done at this date and I'll have something drafted up and ready for them to review, but until we've had a chance to I guess pull everything together from that meeting on the 13th and think about it, and come back to the Councils again for some input, I think the best I can say is that the c&t process is something that's still alive. The way that we go about gathering information and actually arriving at a decision about who's eligible, which communities are eligible, I think that is in flux right now, and I could quite honestly say that I don't know how it's going to shake out. But as soon as we do have more information, I'm sure that we will do what I can do along with John Andrew and our staff in Anchorage to keep the Council informed, to keep the public informed about how this is going to go, and any potential changes in it, so .....

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, that was my main concern, that we weren't going to have any timelines imposed on us that were being employed.

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49 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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2 MR. ROCZICKA: That you're not aware that that's  
happening.  
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5 MR. COFFING: Right. Thanks, Greg.  
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7 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?  
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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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11 MR. DAVID: In the case where you said ineligible, what  
would the people be ineligible for?  
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14 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, Mr. David, essentially the  
way the Federal Subsistence Program works is that when there  
are subsistence hunts in particular areas on Federal public  
lands, only people that have been determined to have customary  
and traditional uses of that resource in that area are allowed  
to hunt on those Federal lands. So it comes down to one of  
understanding what are customary and traditional uses. Another  
part of it is identifying which communities fit that pattern,  
which communities or areas then are on a particular list as  
there are already communities listed in the regulations. And  
then only residents that live in those communities then are  
eligible or can hunt under the Federal Subsistence Regulations  
in that particular area.  
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28 The communities that are eligible to hunt in particular  
areas differs from area to area and by resource, you know,  
depending on the resource, so essentially Federal regulations  
apply to communities that are on the list. And what we're  
doing now is going through the process of through the Councils,  
through the public, through historical information that -- and  
the literature that's there is determining which communities,  
which people essentially, should be able to hunt in a  
particular area on Federal public lands for subsistence.  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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40 MR. NICK: Okay. (Translates the preceding statements)  
As example, I'm using Nunapitchuk as an example.  
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43 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.  
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45 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Upper Kalskag is Unit 19?  
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47 MR. COFFING: Yes. Yes.  
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49 MR. NICK: And Lower Kalskag is Unit 18. (In Yup'ik)  
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2 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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4 MR. NICK: Yeah.  
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6 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.  
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10 MR. STROM: Denny Strom, Fish & Wildlife Service.  
Mike, I just want to respond a little bit -- expand a little  
but on what Mr. Chaliak said. He said things are changing. We  
have traditions from what the elders, where they traditionally  
hunted. Our modern technology as we change increases our  
capability to move around. Points of examples are basically  
the hunters from Bethel now hunting, substantial numbers  
hunting in the Hoholitna, the Holitna. And this particular  
village, Mountain Village has quite a bunch of hunters that  
goes up in the lower Iditerod, whereas 25 years ago they didn't  
have that capability. What type of time frames are we going to  
use on this for c&t? I guess one of the things you said was it  
would change, but the village's ability -- villagers' ability  
to get to different areas is changing as our equipment changes.  
And therefore our tradition -- our tradition of hunting  
doesn't change, but our tradition of where we might go to hunt  
changes.  
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28 So I was just looking in -- and one of the things in  
here, one of the proposals for tomorrow is for the fall hunt up  
on Unit 21(E). There it was -- residents of 21(E) and then  
over towards McGrath and in Russian Mission. That shuts the  
people out from down here if we get into a restriction, from  
the Lower Yukon. These folks have -- granted it's recent, you  
know, it's probably within the last 15, 20 years since we've  
had big boats that can get you there, but, you know, that's  
going to have a significant impact on these folks if they don't  
get included in the c&t up there. It shuts them out of the  
opportunity to get there.  
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40 I think that's going to -- the point I'm making is  
that's probably going to be one of the hardest issues to deal  
with, because it does change. And it does change yearly  
depending on water conditions.  
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45 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I could respond? Denny,  
specifically -- I want to answer in a couple parts. Specific  
to your question, what I've been -- what I've been assigned to  
do is to address customary and traditional use determinations  
bounded by the Unit 18 boundary. I'm not making any changes to  
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Unit 19 determinations, to Unit 21 or 22 determination. My interest and my focus specifically is what communities, no matter where the communities are, the communities might be in 49 or they might be in 17 or 22 or 21, but what have been the customary and traditional uses in Unit 18. Okay.

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7 Other areas of the State, like 21 and 19, if the Board and if the Council directs the Board or recommends to the Board stays with the schedule that was published in the Federal Notice, then at some time -- in theory, at some time in the future staff would get to those units, to those areas, and would then start looking at what are the customary and additional uses in those units? In 21(E), for example. At that time residents along the Lower Yukon, as an example, could have input, and it could -- those change -- those customary determinations, eligibility findings, could change at the time.

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18 What I'm saying earlier is we may not stay on this schedule that's been laid out. That schedule may change to where we're -- we do it on a yearly basis. Anybody perhaps that might be interested in putting in a proposal to change a unit determination for any place in the State could put it in perhaps as a proposal annually so that they would be dealt with much sooner.

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26 The second part that I want to address is that something this Council needs to think about, and something that the Staff Committee and I know the Federal Subsistence Board has done a lot of thinking about, and is still thinking a lot about is what exactly is a long-term subsistence use? No one has said it's ten years, it's one generation, it's 30 years, it's 40 years. All that it says is a long-term consistent use. And I think that anything that this Council could provide the Board or the Staff Committee as to what they think best defines a long-term use, that would certainly help. That would help the Federal Subsistence Board. It would help me a lot. It would help the Staff Committee identify really what are customary and traditional uses.

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40 Long-term is, you know, it's a word that people look at differently. Long-term to an elder might be 80 years or a 100 years or several generations. Long-term to a young adult might be 15 years or ten years, and I think that is going to be a significant point of discussion, and that's something that I think the Federal Board is -- and Staff Committee are struggling with right now.

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48 Other advisory -- or other Regional Councils have also struggled with it. I was at a meeting last week in Huslia with

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the Western Interior Council, and they asked the same question, and my response was exactly the same to them.

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4 I don't know and I don't have any block of time for what is long-term. And I think probably each of you Council members might have a -- might find that you have a different one also, and I think we just have a -- have to have a lot more discussion about that.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think I have to cut this off, and I'm going to request our Coordinator to put it on for next agenda so we could talk about it more -- and take our time. This have to be done some certain way, support from our elders and all that, because of we're expending our meeting and time, and use a lot of time on this one, because it's not hurry, and I have to cut this certain agenda, this wording here, you know. After he's translated, we're going to move to other on our agenda.

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20 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ee-ee.

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24 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) (Translating above statements.)

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct my question to Denny and also Mike Coffing, and probably Dave. Some time ago -- and the reason why I want to ask this is because I'm not sure if I'll be able to attend the next -- their next meeting. Our office in Bethel let me and other B3I.T.s travel to other villages mapping customary and B4additional use of big game and small game. And each B5pective community came up with their own map.

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37 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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39 MR. NICK: How are those going to be used, Mike, on the customary and traditional eligibility process, because, you know, we already did customary and traditional mapping for Fish and Wildlife.

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44 MR. STROM: We still have them, too.

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46 MR. NICK: Yeah. And I'd like to know how those are going to be used.

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49 MR. COFFING: Yeah, let me respond. Mr. Chairman.

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Alex, that information is going to be used along with any other map information or written information, any kind of documentation we have. That information is going to be used to help describe customary and traditional use areas for villages. So it's not lost. We are going to use it. That's part of the information that exists, that we're going to be pulling in and using to prepare this.

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9 And that's something that I guess I want to assure the Council, that any place we have information existing, we're going to bring it in and use it. We're not going to go around 12 there is no plan, there -- in fact, I don't think there's money or time or staff to go around and do subsistence mapping 14 of each community. That's not what we're going to do. We're going to bring information that's existing from work that you 16 and other R.I.T.s did back when you were preparing the C.C.P. mapping, and then input from elders, from the Council, from the public, and from the community.

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20 MR. NICK: Okay. (In Yup'ik) Koyana.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) John Andrew, Coordinator. (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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29 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) (In reference to Annual Report and Council Charter)

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John? (In Yup'ik). (Chairman has phone call and turns chair over to Vice Chair)

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35 MR. ANDREW: Okay. (In Yup'ik) (In reference to Annual Report and Council Charter)

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38 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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42 MR. DAVID: I will now turn the chair over to Harry Wilde.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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47 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Old business. (In

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Yup'ik) Regional Council nomination procedures. John Andrew.

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3 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik) (In  
4 reference to Regional Council nomination process)

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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8 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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12 MR. ANDREW: Just for your benefit, I was just  
13 explaining the Regional Council nomination application process,  
14 because the Council, this Council has heard it four times so  
15 far. We just brought it up to the benefit of the general  
16 public, the general procedures, and what they have to go  
17 through. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) (Five-minute break)

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21 (Off record)

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23 (On record)

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) 8:00 o'clock in the  
26 morning. (In Yup'ik) I don't know who's going to handle this  
27 Federal resident definition? Go ahead.

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29 MR. COFFING: Ready for that one?

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31 MR. ANDREW: Is Mike going to take it?

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33 MR. COFFING: John, I'll defer to you if you want.  
34 I'll be glad to do it.

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36 MR. ANDREW: I'll do the Yup'ik portion. You could  
37 translate to English, okay?

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39 MR. COFFING: Okay. All right.

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41 MR. ANDREW: Easy.

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43 MR. COFFING: Sit back and enjoy yourself, Alex.

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45 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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49 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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4 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) (Regarding Federal "resident"  
5 Definition)  
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7 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman? John, I guess I don't want  
8 to take any time here in repeating something you've already  
9 said, unless the Council wants me basically to explain it in  
10 English. If you do, then I'll be happy .....  
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think it would be faster and better  
13 to main topics, main highlights, if John could translate it  
14 to English. I think it's understandable what he was saying  
15 to us in Yup'ik. John? (In Yup'ik)  
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17 MR. ANDREW: On this portion of residency, as you know,  
18 the State of Alaska's residency requirements for the regulatory  
19 process, but under the Federal regulatory procedures, we don't  
20 have any regulations or definitions determining the residency  
21 problem we have with the regulatory process. I just brought  
22 this one up and the problems we had -- the problems we have in  
23 Subpart A of the Federal Subsistence Management regulatory  
24 process under the -- what's that. Regulatory codes.  
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26 It's very hard for me to explain at this point, because  
27 right now I'm burned out.  
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29 And we do now for the State that we're required to  
30 obtain a State license for trapping and subsistence, but under  
31 Federal regs we are not required to do so, because there's no  
32 residency requirements under the Federal program.  
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34 And there's the -- in this one I just brought out,  
35 quite important, required us to -- they'd like to obtain  
36 comments from the Regional Subsistence Advisory Councils on the  
37 issue. There are three options. One is not to revise the  
38 Federal Subsistence Management Regulations at this time.  
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40 The other one is to make regulatory change to clarify  
41 the Board's initial intent as suggested. For number one, the  
42 for subsistence hunting on Federal public lands, a State  
43 resident hunting license is required. And for State -- for  
44 subsistence trapping on Federal land, a State resident trapping  
45 license is required. And for subsistence fishing on Federally-  
46 administered waters, there is no license required.  
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48 Does that make sense? Good.  
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1 Or the option C they brought up was to revise the  
2 regulation to eliminate the need for any license for harvesting  
3 subsistence resource on Federal lands.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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7 MR. ANDREW: I'll have to speak on the last two, the  
8 better in there.

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10 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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14 MR. COFFING: John, would you like me to help out a  
15 little bit on the .....

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17 MR. ANDREW: Okay.

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19 MR. COFFING: Could I help out a bit on it?

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21 Mr. Chairman and Council and members of the public that  
22 are here, and staff, essentially what this topic is about is  
23 that under the Federal Subsistence regulations, in order to  
24 qualify to hunt under those regulations, you have to be a rural  
25 resident. Okay. You can't live in an urban area, you have to  
26 live in a rural area. Under the current regulations we have,  
27 if a person is from the Lower 48 or from an urban area, like a  
28 town, moves to a rural area, he immediately qualifies to hunt  
29 subsistence, the same as anybody that lived in the area all  
30 their life, a rural area, because currently the Federal  
31 regulations only say he has to be a rural resident.

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33 MR. FISHER: He's supposed to be there year, doesn't  
34 he?

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36 MR. COFFING: No, it doesn't. And what this -- it's  
37 not a proposal, but what essentially this topic is about is  
38 there's some discussion about changing the Federal regulation  
39 require first of all that a person have a resident hunting  
40 license before he can qualify as a rural resident, and in order  
41 to have a rural -- in order to be -- have a resident hunting  
42 license, he has to have been in the State 12 consecutive  
43 months, so that would mean he'd have to be in the State 12  
44 months before he would qualify for Federal hunt.

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46 And under these options, under Option A, Option B, and  
47 Option C, there are various scenarios here. Option B is a  
48 scenario that says they have to be a State resident, which  
49 means -- or they have to have a State resident hunting license,  
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and there's also kind of an addition to this that says they have to live in that rural location, or in that location for nine months, as an example. So it would essentially change the Federal regulations if the Federal Board acted on it and adopted it, to require that anybody wanting to hunt under the Federal Subsistence Regulations would have to be in the State 12 consecutive months, and would also maybe live in a rural area or a community for a certain period of time, and here as an example they have -- they put in like nine months.

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11 But they'd like you to look at this and think about it, and offer your suggestions as to what you think the requirement should be to be able to hunt under the, you know, the Federal Subsistence Regulations as a resident. In other words, I'm going to give an example real briefly and then I'll stop, a person that lives in Anchorage currently doesn't qualify to hunt subsistence in a rural area. I mean, doesn't qualify to hunt a rural area, because he lives in an urban area, or she does. If that person would move to Mountain Village, they would qualify automatically to hunt subsistence. If a person lived in the Lower 48, maybe Indiana, and moved to Mountain Village, then tomorrow they would qualify to hunt for subsistence, because there's no requirement that they live in the area for a year, or live in the State for a year and have a resident license, or even live in that area they want to hunt for any period of time.

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28 And there have been some examples. The letters that follow, the one from the State and the one from I believe it's BDM, give examples of where people recently moved into an area, some were nonresidents, and automatically they qualified for subsistence.

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34 I'm going to stop there and I hope I've helped explain a bit to you.

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37 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, Mr. Chairman?

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. ANDREW: Ee-ee.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul John?

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49 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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2 MR. JOHN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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6 MR. NICK: Mr. Paul John from Toksook Bay stated that  
these things that are written in black and white regulating  
subsistence way of life are the -- exactly the same things that  
our elders who are -- some of which are buried with flesh and  
blood under the ground now, you know, didn't like, because of  
the fact that, you know, a lot of times something is written  
down -- something is planned and written down in black and  
white as regulation, and requires that in some cases, of  
course, permits, you know, to hunt for survival. And then  
imposed on the rural residents. These are the type of things  
that the elders does not like, because people moving from Lower  
48 and then impose regulations on indigenous people who depend  
on our fish and wildlife resource, you know, for survival. And  
he just wanted to bring this up to the staff and people here so  
you'll know.

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22 MR. COFFING: Thank you.

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24 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, David?

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28 MR. DAVID: What Paul has said is something that you --  
something that you didn't hear for first time. You heard it  
before. And by this time I think it's about time you know that  
you have never given right from our people to come up with  
regulations that we have to use to live off our own land. And  
to go by your regulations is something that is not easy for our  
people, because they were never told how to or when to get  
their food from the land, because we -- our people have their  
own regulation, rules and regulations that they have lived by  
before your -- before Columbus ended up here and take over our  
land. And our land have been taken away from us without our  
consent, and without the consent of our elders, our fathers.  
And this is not something that I've said for the first time.  
I've said it before. We are human beings like you. We were  
here -- our ancestors were human beings before your time and my  
time, and they had -- they lived off the land with what they --  
with what was passed on to them before them.

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46 And like -- and what he said is very true, that they're  
buried in their land, and we have right to do away with your  
rules and regulations if we're -- if we need to. And for the  
land, we were by-passed when Russia sold Alaska for \$7.2  
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million. Our people were never asked, and our people had never been asked by Russia to go ahead and sell the land to United States.

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5 The people have right. We were here first, and they could have gone by and live off the land without your rules and regulations. And we were getting along very well in our time with each other, no matter where the other people are from. If the people are from Kuskokwim, they could live here and move here and live with the people here, and the same thing with the Yikun people to move in my area and live just like anybody else over there.

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14 Those are the things that needs to be straightened out, because your people have gone too far, and have taken our land, and start running -- ruling our -- start giving us your rules and regulations which changed just about every day. And my people whose regulations were from -- I don't know when it started, but I believe they started when the people moved here and settled. Thank you.

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22 (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. NICK: Yeah. David O. David (In Yup'ik).

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Go ahead.

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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, again, I'm Greg Roczicka.

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31 I can see what they're trying to do with this right here, it's trying to close a loophole essentially in the regulatory process. Unfortunately, I don't see any of the options -- This is the first time I've had a look at it, these options that are down here. I don't see any of them that are really acceptable in the impacts they might have on how people are currently relying on subsistence.

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39 The loophole essentially they're trying to close on this residency requirement, to use an analogy that maybe people are a little more familiar with, it's the same thing as the area in fisheries saying that 80% of their people are residents by keeping a post office there and having their mail forwarded. So that's the loophole that's trying to be closed and it needs to be done. But again the side effect of this is this actually essentially it's laying another -- putting another layer of bureaucracy on village residents. And it needs to be worked with and perhaps -- I don't know, it's another one of those longer-termed thing. Maybe we need to tie it into customary

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and traditional somehow, or even to leave further development. I don't have an answer for it, but I don't see any of these options being really acceptable at this time without more consideration to it, or consider people who primarily rely on Subsistence.

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7 MR. NICK: Greg Roczicka (In Yup'ik).

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9 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. NICK: Koyana.

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13 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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15 MR. NICK: Yeah. Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Michael?

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19 MR. COFFING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- just a couple of brief comments. One is as you can see by the material in front of you, both BLM, Bureau of Land Management, and the Chairman of the Board of Game has pointed out to the -- Willie Hensley, the Federal Subsistence Board, that it seems consistent that people who are not residents of the State of Alaska under the current Federal regulations qualify for Subsistence. That's the way it is now. And what the Federal Board is doing now is they're asking for the Councils' input on how to change that, on how to not allow say nonresidents to qualify for subsistence, but to provide for subsistence to rural residents that are eligible for it.

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32 I think it would be very helpful to the Staff Committee and to the Subsistence Board if the Council could tell -- you know, could make basically a statement or come up with some commendation about of the alternatives that are there what it likes they like and what it is they don't like about those alternatives.

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39 But I also want to mention in response to Greg's comment, those are only some alternatives. There, I think, are many more alternatives that no one's thought about and no one's written down, and you shouldn't limit your -- you shouldn't limit the alternatives only to what you see on the paper. Think about what you think would work for your communities, for your regions, you know, to provide for subsistence, but to do in a way where perhaps people that are brand new don't automatically qualify as they do right now.

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49 So right now nonresidents coming up, they qualify

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immediately if they go to a rural area. This topic seeks to close that loophole to those new people coming in who haven't been there a long term and haven't lived in those rural areas as, you know, most rural people have, as many of you here have certainly. So that's kind of what the topic is. And I wouldn't want you to limit your thoughts or focus only on the three alternatives that are there, but perhaps think of other ones or think of things you like or don't like, and maybe we can get that on record to help provide some guidance to the Staff Committee and to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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14 MR. NICK: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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16 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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18 MR. NICK: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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20 MR. KOPANAK: Mr. Chairman?

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Dana? Dana Kopanak.

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24 MR. KOPANAK: I don't know if I understand right what they're talking about.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. KOPANAK: But anyway, State residents, you know, we have no problem on that, resident hunting. But I got confused with the Federal. Federal, okay. State of Alaska can issue a license for residents and nonresidents and aliens. And aliens they pay about \$300.00, we can -- We can't do anything about it. The State of Alaska issues it. Talk about 90 days for nonresidents or residents. But anyway what I'm confused about is this Federal, you know, Federal. I never seen a Federal hunting license. That's it. They talk about residents. The State has alien, nonresidents. They can hunt for one day. I mean, they can get their license in Anchorage and come here and hunt. But I don't know the State of Alaska and Federal. And I'd like to understand about resident that you are talking about. (Indiscernible) but when they come to our village with their license, we can't do nothing about it.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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46 MR. KOPANAK: (In Yup'ik) Like Chinese. \$300.00. (In Yup'ik) Maybe it's right here we're referring to, because I'm holding it. (In Yup'ik) He's holding a license to hunt big

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game. (In Yup'ik) If he's staying in the village, maybe that's different. (In Yup'ik) We can't go after him. It says right on (indiscernible) write on this hunting today. (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Michael, a short response to Dana if you could, so we could proceed to go to another subject on agenda?

MR. COFFING: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I'll try.

Dana, currently for a person to hunt under the Federal Subsistence Regulations, all they have to have is an Alaska hunting license. It could be a nonresident license, or it could be an alien, have an alien license. I guess I'd better stick to what I know. Not -- you can have a nonresident license, and you could hunt under Federal subsistence. You would qualify.

One of the things the proposal seeks to do is to change that and require that you -- not just that you have a State hunting license, but that you have a resident hunting license, that you have to have lived in the State at least one year before you qualify for subsistence.

MR. KOPANAK: Okay.

MR. COFFING: That's one thing it does.

MR. KOPANAK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) (Translates Mr. Coffing's answer)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. MANUMIK: My question is, Mr. Chairman, to Mike. You've been to other regions while they hold their meetings, you know, like this Advisory Council Board here, and there is a letter from Mr. Burley, who's the chairman of the Joint Boards of Fish and Game, and he's backed up by Governor Hickel. I mean, his letter's backed up by Governor Hickel. Has this question ever been asked about why the rod and reel is considered not a subsistence tool? Whereas the old people have provided their own fishing hooks made out of walrus tooth, whale tooth, mukluk nails, bear claws. All those things have been utilized into fish hooks, for them to use as their subsistence tool. But why is it that the State would not

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recognize the rod and reel for them to use as a subsistence tool?

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4 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, a brief response. I guess  
5 I'm going to switch hats now and talk about the State for a  
6 second.

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8 In some parts of the State, and this is one of them,  
9 during the wintertime when you're fishing through a hole in the  
10 ice a rod and reel is subsistence. Okay. So if you're fishing  
11 through a hole in the ice, under the State regulations in this  
12 area, a rod and reel is subsistence. So parts of the year it  
13 is. When it's open water in the summertime, a rod and reel is  
14 not subsistence. It's called sport fishing at that time.

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16 I can't answer why the State hasn't -- hasn't made the  
17 regulation in the summertime consistent with what it is in the  
18 wintertime, but -- I'll stop. You have another question?

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20 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. My question is why would it not be  
21 considered a subsistence tool if a local resident for the State  
22 of Alaska, like an elder -- let's take Paul John for instance,  
23 you know. Like if he were -- if were to go out and use a rod  
24 and reel, why wouldn't he be recognized as a native from Alaska  
25 and use that as a tool to for subsistence fishing? Why will  
26 it -- why will the -- has this question ever come up in any  
27 other regions?

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29 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Manumik, I'm not sure  
30 I can tell you exactly why it hasn't, why the State regulations  
31 don't acknowledge what's going on, that is, subsistence fishing  
32 with a rod and reel year round essentially, not only maybe in  
33 Bethel, but in many communities throughout rural Alaska it  
34 happens. And we know it happens. And I am not sure I could  
35 tell you exactly why the regulations haven't changed to  
36 recognize what's going on out there and make it legal. But for  
37 whatever reason, the Board of Fisheries has not changed that.

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39 I could give you a specific example where it's been  
40 difficult for people, especially -- and this example is Nikolai  
41 where where people -- many of the chinook, the king salmon they  
42 put up for subsistence is by rod and reel, because they used to  
43 use a fish trap. The State came along and said, "Well, you  
44 can't use fish traps any more. That's illegal." So they had  
45 quit using their traditional method. The area that they  
46 fish in is not good for nets, because the water is shallow and  
47 swift, so the best way for them to catch their subsistence king  
48 salmon is with a rod and reel right there, so they do. They  
49 catch king salmon with a rod and reel and they put them up on a

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rack, just to -- and smoke them in smoke houses, just as people along the Kuskokwim. But it's still considered -- under the Board of Fisheries and under the regulations, it is sports fishing. And I'm not saying that's right, but I'm saying that's the way it is, and, you know, hopefully through comments from the public, advisory committees and councils, that, you know, maybe that will change down the road.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'd like translation.

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11 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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13 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Give a translation.

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17 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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19 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)

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21 MR. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chuck Chaliak from Nunapitchuk would like to propose -- would like to bring up a proposal to be considered by the Council and the staff. The proposal is that currently elderly people are issued a permanent license, hunting and fishing license by State of Alaska. His proposal is that the indigenous people of rural Alaska be issued a permanent hunting license so that people who move in from Lower 48 will be separated by being issued a temporary license by the State of Alaska. And he wanted to bring this up as a proposal considering the fact that a lot of native people are being pinched for not possessing a valid hunting license during their subsistence hunting and fishing activities in the rural areas. And he would like to put up this on the table as a consideration by both the Council and the staff. (In Yup'ik)

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. LARSON: Yeah. Oscar Larson, Kwethluk. (In Yup'ik) Natural resource specialist. (In Yup'ik).

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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43 MR. LARSON: The sports or State license to hunt, trap and sport fish only applies to residents/nonresidents, and it's used specifically for that purpose, to hunt, trap and sports fish. Under State law it is not supposed to be used for subsistence purposes. Whereas under the Federal Government you must carry a license while taking wildlife for subsistence use, there is conflict between the State and the Federal

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Government as far as regulating and issuing license to subsistence users or anybody for that matter. Thanks.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Michael Coffing, do you have any  
5 response to what that gentleman say? If you don't have, we  
6 would call it a day.

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8 MR. COFFING: I guess I can't resist here. One brief  
9 comment. In some parts of the State you do not need a license  
10 subsistence fish, and this is one of them. You don't have  
11 you do not have to have a license to subsistence fish in  
12 this part of the Yukon or over in the Kuskokwim, in what we  
13 call the AYK area. If you're subsistence fishing.

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15 On the other hand, in some areas of the State you do  
16 need to have a license, and it depends on what the regulations  
17 are. So I guess depend -- what I want to say is it depends on  
18 where you're at as to whether you need a license for  
19 subsistence fishing or not. That's all.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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23 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) (Translating what Mr. Coffing  
24 said)

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: David?

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32 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) We cannot hear you by the  
35 recorder.

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37 MR. SHEPARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Stan  
38 Shepard, Mountain Village Traditional Council. (In Yup'ik)  
39 What Paul Manumik (In Yup'ik)

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now you have to speak -- translate it  
42 English.

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44 MR. SHEPARD: I had said supporting what Paul Manumik  
45 said earlier about a proposal, issuing permanent -- what these  
46 elders get, permanent hunting license, age 16 on up, and only  
47 making the people that come out from out of state or out of --  
48 nonresidents pay for their hunting, trapping, sports license.  
49 That's all. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Koyana.  
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4 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?  
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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.  
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8 MR. COFFING: Yeah, I wanted to ask one thing of the  
9 Council before we leave this item that we were discussing, this  
10 Federal resident definition. I think that's kind of where we  
11 were at when we got into the discussion of fishing licenses.  
12 Is the Council taking any action regarding that, or are they  
13 offering any suggestions to the -- or guidance to the Staff  
14 Committee or Federal Subsistence Board on what they should do,  
15 or things you'd like them to think about in applying any of  
16 these options back here?  
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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe I could respond. There's  
19 nothing that I know, but the only thing that I think I would  
20 like to recommend staff. I think we need to have some kind of  
21 joint meeting with other Councils. Some -- for these, some of  
22 these things that are very important to the people of this  
23 area. Maybe we need to joint meeting with upriver and the  
24 North people up here. Wherever that uses places, so we could  
25 talk about customary, traditional, and all those things and  
26 what you're talking about right now. Those things. And also  
27 some other important things. I think that it would be  
28 appropriate if we do that, to help each other, you know, to --  
29 some things to be done.  
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31 Go ahead.  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I guess I've got a recommendation  
34 now that I've had a chance to absorb it a little bit, and then  
35 spoke a little -- mentioned earlier that we've still got a  
36 lot of concerns with what's there, but, you know, I mentioned  
37 about tying somehow the customary and traditional use, and  
38 suggest to the Board that people that do have -- I think of  
39 fishing as customary and traditional use, it's pretty much  
40 arguable as Alaskan native people, so they would  
41 automatically be assumed if they were Alaska native, the  
42 indigenous people, that someone that's born in the State would  
43 automatically have that subsistence, automatically have a  
44 subsistence license. Alaska natives would automatically have  
45 qualify for subsistence, even if they didn't have to carry a  
46 license. Put the burden of proof on people who have a  
47 customary and traditional use of needing a piece of paper to  
48 prove that they're even alive. And for -- turn it around, let  
49 come from the other direction.  
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2 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)  
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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) 8:00 o'clock. (In  
5 Yup'ik) Go ahead.  
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7 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)  
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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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11 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)  
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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)  
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15 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?  
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17 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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21 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Go ahead.  
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25 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik)  
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27 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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31 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?  
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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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35 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)  
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37 MR. MANUMIK: David, (In Yup'ik)  
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39 MR. DAVID: Okay.  
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41 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) summary of written public  
44 comment. (In Yup'ik) I recommend him that he could write some  
45 notice for tomorrow, summary of written public comment that  
46 we're going to work on if any, what the recommendation that he  
47 was giving to us, that we could work on it tomorrow, if we get  
48 that. (In Yup'ik)  
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1 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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5 MR. DAVID: Ee-ee. (In Yup'ik)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Tomorrow we're  
8 going to work on proposals. 8:00 o'clock in the morning. And  
9 we're going to recess until tomorrow.

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